



Kahibah Football Club Code of Conduct



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Code of Conduct

Kahibah Football Club expects all Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Administrators and Spectators to abide by the following Code of Conduct which are in place to allow all persons to enjoy football in a positive and enjoyable atmosphere. The following Code of Conduct was prepared by Kahibah FC and adopts the NSW Office of Sport guidelines and Northern NSW Football Guidelines and Football Australia for local sport.

NSW Office of Sport guidelines can be found at [Codes of conduct.](#)

Northern NSW Football Guidelines can be found at [NNSW Football Resources.](#)

Coaches and Managers

Kahibah Football Club coach and manager code of conduct serves as a set of guidelines and principles that individuals involved in coaching and managing a football team are expected to adhere to. It helps maintain a positive and respectful environment for players, parents, officials, and other stakeholders.

Respect for All Participants:

- Treat all players, parents, officials, and fellow coaches/managers with respect and dignity.
- Avoid discriminatory behavior or language based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

Player Development:

- Focus on the holistic development of players, including their physical, technical, tactical, and psychological aspects.
- Encourage fair play, sportsmanship, and a love for the game.
- All players are deserving of equal attention, opportunities and playing time no matter, their skill set.

Safety and Well-being:

- Prioritise the safety and well-being of players, ensuring that training sessions and competitions are conducted in a safe environment.
- Be aware of and follow appropriate medical protocols in case of injuries.

Communication:

- Maintain open and effective communication with players, parents, and other team officials.
- Provide constructive feedback to players, emphasizing positive reinforcement.

Compliance with Rules and Regulations:

- Abide by the rules and regulations set by the governing bodies of the sport, as well as the specific policies of the organisation or league.

Fair Play:

- Encourage fair play and discourage unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Teach players the importance of playing within the rules and respecting opponents.

Professionalism:

- Demonstrate professionalism on and off the field.
- Uphold the values and reputation of the team, organisation, and the sport of football.

Conflict Resolution:

- Handle conflicts and disputes in a calm and professional manner.

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- Seek resolution through appropriate channels and avoid public criticism.

Parental Involvement:

- Encourage positive parental involvement and communication.
- Set clear expectations for parental behavior on the sidelines.

Continuous Learning:

- Stay informed about the latest coaching methodologies, rules, and best practices.
- Engage in professional development opportunities to enhance coaching skills.

Role Modeling:

- Act as a positive role model for players, displaying good sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- Demonstrate a commitment to fair play and integrity.

It's essential for our organisations to establish and communicate a clear code of conduct, ensuring that coaches and managers understand and embrace the values and expectations outlined. This helps create a positive and nurturing environment for players to develop their skills and enjoy the game.

Players

Kahibah Football Clubs Player code of conduct outlines the behavioral expectations and standards for individuals participating in the sport. This code is designed to promote fair play, sportsmanship, and a positive environment for all involved.

Respect for Others:

- Show respect to teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Avoid discriminatory language or behavior based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

Sportsmanship:

- Always demonstrate good sportsmanship and wear the club colours proudly and with dignity.
- Shake hands with opponents before and after the game, win or lose, and acknowledge good plays.
- Shake hands and acknowledge the referees for their service, win or lose.

Teamwork:

- Work collaboratively with teammates and coaches.
- Encourage and support fellow players, fostering a positive team spirit.

Discipline:

- Abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
- Accept decisions made by officials and refrain from arguing or dissent.

Fair Play:

- Play fairly and within the spirit of the game.
- Avoid cheating, diving, or any form of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Commitment:

- Attend practices, training sessions, and games regularly and punctually.
- Give your best effort in all activities related to the team.

Communication:

- Communicate respectfully with coaches, teammates, and officials.
- Share concerns or issues through appropriate channels, avoiding public criticism.

Personal Conduct:

- Behave responsibly and professionally both on and off the field.
- Refrain from engaging in behavior that may bring disrepute to the team or the sport.

Mobile Devices:

- Use mobile devices responsibly, avoiding disruptive behavior during training or games.

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- Follow coaches' guidelines regarding the use of electronic devices.

Uniform and Equipment:

- Wear the team uniform with pride and in accordance with team guidelines.
- Take care of personal equipment and the team's property.

Injury Reporting:

- Report injuries promptly to coaches and seek appropriate medical attention.
- Follow rehabilitation plans and return to play only when cleared by medical professionals.

Parental Involvement:

- Encourage positive parental involvement and communication.
- Respect and adhere to any guidelines regarding parental conduct during games and practices.

Continuous Improvement:

- Strive for continuous improvement in skills and knowledge of the game.
- Participate in training sessions and take advantage of opportunities for skill development.

Anti-Doping:

- Refrain from the use of banned substances and adhere to anti-doping regulations.
- Be aware of and comply with the organisation's policies on substance use.

Role Modeling:

- Act as a positive role model for younger players and fans.
- Represent the team and the sport with integrity and pride.

It's important for our organisations to communicate the player code of conduct clearly and ensure that players understand and commit to these principles. This helps foster a positive and respectful environment, both on and off the field, contributing to the overall well-being and enjoyment of the sport.

Parents

Kahibah Football Club's parents' code of conduct is a set of guidelines and expectations that parents are encouraged to follow while supporting their children's involvement in the sport. This code aims to create a positive and respectful environment for players, coaches, officials, and other parents.

Respect for Everyone:

- Treat coaches, players, officials, and other parents with respect and courtesy.
- Avoid discriminatory language or behavior based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

Positive Support:

- Encourage and support your child in their football activities.
- Be a positive and constructive cheerleader, emphasizing effort and sportsmanship over outcomes.

Communication:

- Communicate respectfully with coaches and team officials.
- Raise concerns or issues through appropriate channels, avoiding public criticism.

Understanding Roles:

- Recognize and respect the roles of coaches and officials in the development and management of the team.
- Avoid coaching from the sidelines during games.

Sportsmanship:

- Promote good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Encourage your child to learn from both victories and defeats.

Respect Game Officials:

- Accept the decisions of game officials.
- Refrain from arguing with referees or other officials.

Punctuality:

- Ensure that your child arrives on time for practices and games.
- Be punctual for parent meetings or other team events.

Conflict Resolution:

- Handle conflicts or disputes in a calm and respectful manner.
- Seek resolution through appropriate channels and avoid confrontations during games.

Safety and Well-being:

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of all players.
- Support and adhere to team and league safety guidelines.

Equipment and Uniforms:

- Ensure that your child has the required equipment and wears the team uniform appropriately.
- Respect and adhere to any guidelines regarding parental conduct during games and practices.

Attendance and Commitment:

- Encourage regular attendance at practices and games.
- Notify coaches in advance if your child is unable to attend a scheduled activity.

Continuous Learning:

- Stay informed about the rules and regulations of the game.
- Support your child's interest in football and encourage a love for the sport.

Role Modeling:

- Act as a positive role model for your child and other children.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for others.

Facility Etiquette:

- Respect the facilities used for practices and games.
- Clean up after games and practices and follow any facility rules or guidelines.

Anti-Bullying:

- Discourage and report any form of bullying or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Promote a positive and inclusive environment for all players.

By adhering to the parents' code of conduct, parents contribute to a positive and supportive atmosphere for players, coaches, and officials, creating an environment where children can enjoy and thrive in the sport.

Spectator

Kahibah Football Club spectator code of conduct outlines the expectations and guidelines for individuals watching football games. The purpose of this code is to ensure a positive, respectful, and safe environment for players, officials, coaches, and fellow spectators.

Respect for Everyone:

- Treat players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators with respect and courtesy.
- Avoid discriminatory language or behavior based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

Positive Support:

- Be a positive and supportive spectator, cheering for good plays and efforts rather than focusing on mistakes.
- Encourage fair play and sportsmanship.

No Coaching from the Sidelines:

- Avoid coaching or instructing players from the sidelines.
- Allow coaches to do their job without interference.

Respect for Officials:

- Accept the decisions made by referees and other game officials.
- Refrain from arguing with or criticizing officials during the game.

Safe Environment:

- Ensure a safe environment for everyone by following facility rules and guidelines.
- Keep a safe distance from the field of play and avoid entering restricted areas.

Controlled Behavior:

- Maintain controlled behavior and avoid disruptive actions.
- Refrain from using foul language or engaging in aggressive behavior.

No Discrimination or Harassment:

- Avoid engaging in any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying towards players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

No Alcohol or Substance Abuse:

- Refrain from consuming alcohol or using substances that may impair judgment.
- Comply with any facility rules regarding alcohol and substance use.

Trash Disposal:

- Dispose of trash in designated areas and help maintain a clean environment.
- Respect the facilities and property used for football/sporting events.

Child Safety:

- Supervise and ensure the safety of children accompanying you.
- Be mindful of language and behavior in the presence of young spectators.

Conflict Resolution:

- Handle conflicts or disagreements in a calm and respectful manner.
- Seek assistance from event organisers or security personnel if needed.
- Event organisers have the authority to escort unruly spectators off the premises and/or contact the local Police Authority.

Mobile Devices:

- Use mobile devices responsibly, avoiding disruptive behavior during the game.
- Follow any facility guidelines regarding the use of electronic devices.

Follow Facility Rules:

- Adhere to any rules and regulations set by the facility hosting the football event.
- Respect any designated areas or seating arrangements.

Anti-Bullying:

- Discourage and report any form of bullying or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Promote a positive and inclusive atmosphere for everyone.

By adhering to the club's spectator code of conduct, individuals contribute to a positive and enjoyable experience for players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. This ensures that football events remain a safe and supportive environment for everyone involved.

Club Administrator's and Committee Members

As Kahibah Football Club's Administrators and Committee code of conduct serves as a set of guidelines and principles that individuals involved in the administration and decision-making processes of football organisations or committees are expected to follow. This code helps ensure integrity, transparency, and fair governance within the footballing community.

Integrity and Ethics:

- Act with honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior in all administrative and decision-making roles.
- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any potential conflicts when they arise.

Transparency:

- Conduct business in a transparent manner, providing information to stakeholders as required.
- Ensure that decision-making processes are clear, documented, and communicated appropriately.

Respect and Professionalism:

- Treat all individuals with respect, regardless of their role or position within the organisation.
- Uphold professional conduct in all interactions within and outside the football community.

Compliance with Rules and Regulations:

- Abide by the rules and regulations set by the governing bodies of the sport and the organisation.
- Stay informed about any changes in regulations that may impact the organisation.

Confidentiality:

- Maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information related to the organisation and its members.
- Handle personal and private information with care and in accordance with privacy laws.

Inclusivity and Diversity:

- Promote inclusivity and diversity within the organisation.
- Ensure that decision-making processes consider the interests of all members and stakeholders.

Financial Responsibility:

- Manage financial resources responsibly and transparently.

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- Ensure accurate and timely financial reporting and compliance with financial regulations.

Conflict Resolution:

- Address conflicts and disputes in a fair and impartial manner.
- Establish clear procedures for conflict resolution within the organisation.

Communication:

- Communicate openly and honestly with stakeholders.
- Provide timely and accurate information to members, sponsors, and other relevant parties.

Code Adherence:

- Adhere to the organisation's constitution, bylaws, and code of conduct.
- Set an example for other members and stakeholders by upholding high standards.

Continuous Learning:

- Stay informed about developments in sports administration and governance.
- Seek professional development opportunities to enhance skills and knowledge.

Community Engagement:

- Engage with the local football community and foster positive relationships.
- Encourage community involvement and support grassroots initiatives.

Risk Management:

- Identify and manage potential risks to the organisation.
- Develop and implement strategies to mitigate risks associated with administrative decisions.

Anti-Discrimination:

- Ensure that all individuals are treated fairly and without discrimination.
- Implement and enforce policies that promote inclusivity and prevent discrimination.

Responsibility for Development:

- Foster the development of football at all levels, from grassroots to elite.
- Support initiatives that promote player and coach development.

By adhering to a Kahibah Football Club's administrator and committee code of conduct, individuals contribute to the effective and ethical governance of football organisations. This, in turn, helps create a positive and supportive environment for players, coaches, officials, and the entire football community.

Evaluation and Adjustment:

Regularly assess the impact of the initiatives through surveys, feedback from participants, and performance metrics.

Adjust the strategic plan based on the evolving needs and challenges identified during the implementation.

By addressing these various aspects comprehensively, this strategic plan aims to create a sustainable and inclusive environment for the increased participation of all players in football.



Revision

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0	Kahibah FC Code of Conduct	January 2024